

## Professional advisors have new tool to help clients support medical research

Financial and legal advisors have a new tool to help facilitate private giving to health and medical research.

Research Australia has developed the *Giving to Health and Medical Research: Research Australia Philanthropy Toolkit* to assist professional advisors with clients wanting to make a difference to the future health of our communities.

The toolkit includes information and resources to guide and promote philanthropic giving to support delivery of health benefits through medical research.

It complements Research Australia's 'Linkage Program' connecting private donors and philanthropists with projects that match their giving criteria.

Research Australia CEO Rebecca James said the toolkit will enable financial and legal advisors to help their clients be more strategic in their giving and to make a real impact.

"Partnerships between philanthropists and researchers can help address major gaps in our knowledge about how to tackle important health challenges," Ms James said.

It is a part of Research Australia's vision to have four out of five Australians giving regularly to health and medical research by 2025.

The guide contains specific information for financial and legal advisors including:

- Helping clients decide what projects to support
- Structuring a bequest for a specific health condition
- Choosing the best projects for charitable trusts
- Streamlining grant making processes.

The toolkit was launched by The Hon. Mark Butler MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, and is available through Research Australia.

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